

**APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER FOR A WATER OR SEWER
UTILITY****CHAPTER 117**

H.B. No. 294

AN ACT**relating to appointment of a receiver for a water or sewer utility.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:***SECTION 1.** Section 13.412(a), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) At the request of the utility commission or the commission, the attorney general shall bring suit for the appointment of a receiver to collect the assets and carry on the business of a water or sewer utility that:

- (1) has abandoned operation of its facilities;
- (2) informs the utility commission or the commission that the owner is abandoning the system;
- (3) violates a final order of the utility commission or the commission; ~~or~~
- (4) allows any property owned or controlled by it to be used in violation of a final order of the utility commission or the commission; *or*
- (5) *violates a final judgment issued by a district court in a suit brought by the attorney general under:*
 - (A) *this chapter;*
 - (B) *Chapter 7; or*
 - (C) *Chapter 341, Health and Safety Code.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 26, 2017: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 12, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 26, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

USE OF THE RURAL WATER ASSISTANCE FUND**CHAPTER 118**

H.B. No. 544

AN ACT**relating to the use of the rural water assistance fund.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:***SECTION 1.** Section 15.994(c), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The board may use money in the fund to contract for outreach, financial, *planning*, and technical assistance to assist rural political subdivisions in obtaining and using financing from *any source for a purpose described by this section* ~~(the fund)~~.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 5, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 12, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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**OPERATION OF CERTAIN VEHICLES USED FOR PACKAGE
DELIVERY; AUTHORIZING A FEE**

CHAPTER 119

H.B. No. 561

AN ACT

relating to the operation of certain vehicles used for package delivery; authorizing a fee.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 551, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter G to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER G. PACKAGE DELIVERY VEHICLES

Sec. 551.451. **DEFINITIONS.** *In this subchapter:*

- (1) "All-terrain vehicle" has the meaning assigned by Section 502.001.
- (2) "Golf cart" has the meaning assigned by Section 502.001.
- (3) "Motor carrier" has the meaning assigned by Section 643.001.
- (4) "Neighborhood electric vehicle" has the meaning assigned by Section 551.301.
- (5) "Public highway" has the meaning assigned by Section 502.001.
- (6) "Recreational off-highway vehicle" has the meaning assigned by Section 502.001.
- (7) "Utility vehicle" has the meaning assigned by Section 551.401.

Sec. 551.452. **LICENSE PLATES FOR PACKAGE DELIVERY VEHICLES.** (a) *The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles may issue distinguishing license plates for a vehicle operated by a motor carrier for the purpose of picking up and delivering mail, parcels, and packages if the vehicle:*

- (1) *is:*
 - (A) *an all-terrain vehicle;*
 - (B) *a golf cart;*
 - (C) *a neighborhood electric vehicle;*
 - (D) *a recreational off-highway vehicle; or*
 - (E) *a utility vehicle; and*

(2) *is equipped with headlamps, taillamps, reflectors, a parking brake, and mirrors, in addition to any other equipment required by law.*

(b) *The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles by rule shall establish a procedure to issue the license plates to be used only for operation in accordance with this subchapter.*

(c) *The license plates must include the words "Package Delivery."*

(d) *The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles may charge a license plate fee not to exceed \$25 annually to be deposited to the credit of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles fund.*

Sec. 551.453. **LIMITED OPERATION.** (a) *A motor carrier may operate, for the purpose of picking up or delivering mail, parcels, or packages, a vehicle bearing license plates issued under Section 551.452 on a public highway that is not an interstate or a limited-access or controlled-access highway and that has a speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour.*

(b) *The Department of Motor Vehicles may not require the registration of a vehicle oper-*